

## Claims.

1.(canceled).

2.(currently amended) The side fender of claim [[1]] 8, ~~made~~ consisting of plastics material.

3.(canceled).

4.(canceled).

5.(currently amended) ~~A motor vehicle side fender comprising a skin separating an inside face and an outside face of the fender, the skin includes a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside face towards the outside face of the fender,~~ The motor vehicle side fender of claim 8, wherein the breakable zone comprises a shallow groove.

6.(previously presented) The side fender of claim 5, wherein the inside face of the fender includes the groove and the outside face of the fender is uniform including over the groove.

7.(currently amended) ~~A motor vehicle side fender comprising a skin separating an inside face and an outside face of the fender, the skin includes a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside face towards the outside face of the fender,~~ The motor vehicle side fender of claim 8, wherein the breakable zone is substantially rectangular.

8.(currently amended) ~~The fender according to claim 1, in which~~ A side fender for a motor vehicle comprising a skin separating an inside and an outside of the fender, wherein the skin includes a breakable zone that opens when subjected to thrust from

the inside towards the outside of the fender, and the inside of the fender includes an  
airbag housing ~~situated in register with the breakable zone.~~

9.(previously presented) The fender according to claim 8, in which the airbag housing is  
integrally molded with the fender and the fender consists essentially of plastics  
material.